



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 3721
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: **METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY PACKAGING ENCASED PRODUCT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.